

JOHNSON MAY BE SENATOR FOR MONTH

Houston Man May Succeed
Bailey to Serve Until the
Fourth of March.

TEXAS DRYS MAY MAKE HARD FIGHT

**BAILEY HASN'T SAID
HE WOULD QUIT**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—Despite repeated rumors that senator Bailey will resign from the senate in January, the senator himself has made no public announcement of the reported resignation. He will not

inated, it is said, among members of the Texas congressional delegation. According to the rumors, Bailey intends to sing his swan song in the senate immediately after the Christmas holidays and then thank the state for his service in the legislature. He will do this, according to the story, in order that the Texas legislature may elect Col. R. M. Johnston, one of his warmest personal friends, to the remainder of his term. It is said that Bailey is planning to make his farewell speech in the senate an expression of the gratitude he believes afflict the Democratic party.

By W. D. Hornaday.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 21.—If the persistent report that senator Joseph W. Bailey will submit his resignation to governor O. B. Colquitt early next month proves correct, one of the first things which the legislature will have before it when it convenes in regular session January 9, will be the election of someone to fill the vacancy until March 4. Whoever is thus honored will enjoy but a brief period of distinction unless the favored one should be Nor-

whose election by the legislature will take place early in the coming session. Mr. Sheppard's regular term as senator will begin March 4.

In explanation of the delay of senator Bailey in carrying out his intention of resigning, to which he gave expression to a number of his close political friends in Texas, a few weeks ago, it is stated that he has been

waiting to see if a majority of the legislature would confirm the proposed appointment of R. M. Johnston, of Houston, to the prospective vacancy. Governor Colquitt publicly announced when the report of Bailey's contemplated resignation recently became current that in event of such action on the part of the legislature, he

ould name Mr. Johnston to the office. Mr. Bailey, however, declined to carry out his part of the program until pledges had been received from a majority of the senators and representatives that they would confirm the governor's appointment of Mr. Johnston.

It is known that many of the legislators favor the election of Mr. Sheppard to the unexpired term of Mr. Bailey as governor. It is also known that since Bailey signified his intention of quitting the senate in advance of the expiration of his regular term, political emissaries of Mr. Johnston have

been busy trying to obtain the necessary number of pledges from members of the legislature to insure his election. It is said that special pleas that he be given this recognition at the hands of the legislature were made and that the campaign for votes had finally won over enough of the opposition members to insure him a majority on joint ballot.

Bailey's Resignation.

According to the political program as now understood here, Mr. Bailey's resignation will reach the governor on or about January 1. The governor

will immediately announce the appointment of Mr. Johnston to the vacancy. On January 16, the matter of electing a successor to Mr. Bailey for the unexpired regular term will come before the legislature. Mr. Johnston and Mr. Sheppard will be nominated for the unexpired term, with the chances in favor of the former's election. Mr. Sheppard's election for the full term will then take place. He was nominated for the office in the regular preferential primaries last July.

Mr. Johnston's alignment with the anti-prohibition faction of the Democratic party and his strong endorsement of Mr. Bailey's political course

have made him many enemies among the party and the friends of the party and his election to the senate, even though the term of service be ever so short, will not be as certain as it is at present. The contest of the part of those who are opposed to him. When it comes to the party's national affairs he is outside of the party and is not a party man. The nomination of Woodrow Wilson for president before the Baltimore convention, and it is known by men who are conversant with the matter, has changed his opinion of the New Jersey governor since the election. He will have no voice in the disposition of the public patronage, even should he be re-elected. Washington will perform for a few weeks upon the senatorial stage.

The Speakership Fight.

Next to the question of who shall be elected to fill the unexpired term

public interest in the proceedings of the next legislature is centered in the speakership contest. The candidates for this office are Chester Terrell of

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UNIVERSITY TO GO TO NEW SITE

the establishment of a great and growing educational institution.

This large tract of land was donated to the university a few years ago by George W. Brackenridge, of San Antonio. The land at present is being put to no use. It borders for some dis-

It is probable that the proposition of selling the present buildings and campus and establishing an altogether new university will be submitted to the Legislature at its coming session which meets in January.
